

Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse Comment Submissions via ePlanning Web Form

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OR-GRSG-I-117152	comment on 2018-09525 oregon	<p>I THNK THIS PLAN SUCKS. IT IS A TERRIBLE PLAN. IT ATTEMPTS TO STICK IT TO THE GENERAL TAXPAYING PUBILC IN AMERICA SO THAT HUNTERMURDERERS OF WILDLIFE CAN HAVE US PAY FOR THEIR HOBBY OF MURDERING WILDLIFE.</p> <p>STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES HAVE BEEN ALLOWING THE MURDER OF SAGE GROUSE CONTINUOUSLY AND THEY ARE NOT ON THE ENDANGERED LIST, SHOWING THAT THEIR LIVES ARE GIVEN ZERO PROTECTION AT PRESENT.</p> <p>THIS HAS BEEN THE CASE OVER THE LONG HAUL. AND HUNTER HAVE BEEN JOYOUSLY KILLING THIS BIRD SPECIES TO PUT IN TROPHY CASES. SO NOW THAT THE POPULATION HAS BEEN REDUCED BY HUNTERS LIKE THEY DID WITH BISON AND PIGEONS, THESE MURDEROUS HUNTERS WANS THE GIVE THE BILL FOR “RESTORING” THEM TO THE GENERAL POPULATION. AT ALLTIMES, THESE CHEAP HUNTERS SEEK TO HAVE OTHERS THAN THEMSELVS PAY THE BILL FOR THEIR HOBBY.</p> <p>I SEE NO REASON AT ALL TO PAY FOR THE EVIL, DEMONIC, DISGUSTING HOBBY OF HUNTING. I DO RESIST THAT AND FIND IT INCREDIBLE THAT THIS AGENCY WANTS TO ASK GENERAL TAXPAYERS WHO ARE WILDLIFE WATCHERS AND WHO LIKE WILDLIFE TO OPEN THEIR WALLETs SO THJESE CRAZED WACKO HUNTERS CAN PAY NOTHING WHEN THEY ARE THE CAUSE OF THIS POPULATION DROP. CLEARLY WHEN USFWS TOOK GROUSE FROM ENDANGERED STATUS, THEY WANTED TO OFFER UP MORE KILLING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LIKES OF THE SAFARI CLUB AND OTHER HUNTING MURDERERS. THEY COULD HAVE PREVENTED THAT BUT DID NOT.</p> <p>THE NRA AND THE RICH HUNTERS RULE THE ROOST AT FWS, USFS AND BLM AND THE REST OF US ORDINARY FOLK HAVE NO VOICE AS TO WHAT GOES ON AT THESE AGENCIES. THEY DONT RESPOND TO THE ORDINARY AMERICAN AT ALL ANYMORE. THEY HAVE BEEN BOUGHT OUT. THE FACT IS MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES AT THESE AGENCIES ARE HUNTERS AND WILDLIFE MURDERERS SO THEY MAKE RULES FOR THEIR OWN HAPPINESS AT KILLING ANIMALS. 326 MILLIN OF US DONT COUNT AT ALL AT THESE AGENCIES. ALL OFOUR RIGHTS ARE LONG GONE SO WE HAVE NO VOICE IN ANY OF THE STATE AGENCIES ANYMORE, WHERE EVERY SINGLE MEKBER OF THE RULING COUNCIL IS FROM HUNTERS OR FARMERS.</p> <p>THE ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO LIKE WILDLIFE AND WANT TO PROTECT IT ARE SHUT UP AND SHUT OFF FROM HAVING ANY INFORMATION, KEPT OUT OF THE LOOP COMPLETELY.THE HUNTER MURDERESR HAVE TAKEN OVER. A SEA CHANGE IS NEEDED TO CHANGE WHAT IS GOING ON HERE. AS LONG AS WE LEAVE THE HUNTER MURDERERS AND THE AG PROFITEERS HAVING ALL THE SEATS ON ALL THESE COUNCILS, THERE WILL BE NO PROTECTION FOR ANY WILDLIFE SPECIES AT ALL EVERY.</p> <p>ALL OF THE CHANGES TO MAKE THIS SPECIES HUNTABLE IN 2015 SHOWS A LOT OF FLOUNDERING AND STUPIDITY BY THES AGENCIES IN SHOWING HOW QUICKLY THEY NOW WANT TO CHANGE WHAT THEY DID ONLY A LITTLE OVER 2 YEARS AGO. THE FLOUNDERING LIKE THIS SHOWS STUPIDITY AND CUPIDITY IN THIS AGENCY.,</p> <p>IT IS TIME TO MAKE ALL OF US HAVE A VOICE IN WHAT HAPPENS TO WILDLIFE. WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO LE THESE HUNTERS AND AG PROFITEERS HAVE THE ONLY VOICES IN ALL THESE COUNCILS. AT THIS TYIME, KNOWING FROM WHENCE THIS PROPOSAL COMES, THE EVIL, THE DEMONIC KILLING NATURE OF THESE AGENCIES, I CANNOT SAY I GO ALONG WITH THIS PROPOSAL AND FEEL WHAT EMANATES FROM THIS UGLY AGENCY IS UGLY FOR ALL, WILDIE, US, EVERYBODY IN AMERICA. THE MURDEROUS LOBBYINS OF THE NRA HURTS ALL OF US. THIS COMMENT SI FOR THE PUBILC RECORD. PLEASE REEIPT.B KER BK1492@AOL.COM</p>
OR-GRSG-I-161878	Association of Oregon Counties	Please see letter attached.
OR-GRSG-I-215059	Oregon Greater Sage Grouse Resource Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement	<p>Bureau of Land Management Attn: Mr. Jim Regan-Vienop 1220 S.W. 3rdAvenue Portland, OR 97204 Re: Oregon Greater Sage Grouse Resource Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement To Mr. Regan-Vienop,</p> <p>The Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition (OBSC) Board of Directors based in Malheur County, Oregon, would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the critical Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).</p> <p>After reviewing the draft RMPA and EIS with the options presented, our preference is for the Management Alignment Alternative (the preferred alternative). This plan allows livestock grazing to continue in all nine Research Natural Areas (RNA) throughout the Vale District.</p>

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		<p>The OBSC believes it is important that you know and recognize that beef cattle production is the largest single agricultural commodity in Malheur County. Our way of life depends on the ability to graze on public lands. Livestock grazing in our rural communities is a crucial component to economic health and to our western culture.</p> <p>Closing the RNAs in the Vale District to grazing would be devastating. There is no scientific data to support allegations that grazing is a threat to Sage Grouse. In fact, just the opposite. That is why it is hard for our organization to understand why banning grazing is traditionally the first thing threatened when attempting to protect the species. Wildfires, however, are a proven and number one threat to Sage Grouse. By banning grazing, more fuel is available for fires, making fires larger and more destructive to the ecosystem which the Sage Grouse depend. The OBSC believes that the removal of grazing, recommended in the RNAs of the Oregon Greater Sage-Grouse 2015 ROD/ARMPA, will be detrimental to these areas, leading to unnecessary waste and destruction of these ecosystems by fire.</p> <p>Three additional concerns are as follows:</p> <p>1. With the additional methods of assessment and compliance, BLM protocols for Sage Grouse habitat monitoring, and the already overwhelming workload for the agency, makes it unrealistic to add new areas to monitor and manage. At current staffing levels, monitoring requirements may not be accomplished and all, or most, RNA's could fall out of compliance and become easy targets for litigation. The changes in the standards ignore all previously collected data and all historical improvements.</p> <p>2. Livestock permit holders will suffer direct economic losses from the additional regulations through delays in permit renewals, reductions in AUMs and potential lawsuits over unmet standard compliance by the BLM. Economic sustainability is crucial for rural communities and one component is the ability to make long-term business plans. The timely renewal of grazing permits is one of the most important components of this economic stability for ranching families. Malheur County is the number one beef-producing county in Oregon and number 14 in the United States. In 2017, beef was the number two revenue producing agricultural commodity in all of Oregon. Families, individuals and businesses in Malheur County will experience direct and indirect financial hardships if livestock grazing is removed from the nine RNAs, if AUMs are suspended and permit renewals become mired in litigation.</p> <p>3. Private lands, in addition to public lands, are crucial to ensuring continued thriving populations of the Sage Grouse. Collaboration with permit holders is essential to secure continued cooperation between private and public lands. Two great examples of this type of collaboration are Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPAs) and Conservation Candidate Assurance Agreements (CCAAs). Many landowners have signed CCAAs through the Soil Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) and have improved and protected thousands-of-acres of habitat by cutting juniper trees, building fences, installing watering ladders and controlling predators in four counties of eastern Oregon. In the Ironside area alone, 26 miles of juniper has been removed to make a contiguous flight pattern for the Sage Grouse.</p> <p>The OBSC encourages the BLM to select the Management Alignment Alternative for its proposed RMPA and final EIS by following Oregon "s conservation plan for habitat. Because of the importance of grazing on public lands to the communities in Malheur County and the surrounding counties, we ask that you continue to keep the RNAs being grazed now, open. The OBSC believes that several public and private partnerships aimed at protecting Sage Grouse habitat and existing BLM management policies are adequate, without adding additional layers of restrictions on those who have permits and assist in taking care of the land. The OBSC is requesting to be represented as one of the cooperating voices of the 32 agencies that are working together to align the plan amendment and impact statement.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Steve Russell OBSC Chairman and Malheur County Rancher (541) 589-1279</p>
OR-GRSG-I-216358	Opposition to Plan Revisions to Roll-back existing protections	<p>As someone who cares about birds and the places they need, and as a professional biologist who spent their entire 35+ year career in conservation science, I strongly oppose any efforts to weaken the conservation protections in the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) sage-grouse land management plans. These birds are part of an iconic western ecosystem, the sagebrush habitat, which supports over 350 species including Golden Eagles and mule deer. They are an important part of our heritage.</p> <p>In 2010, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) determined that the Greater Sage-Grouse populations were in serious trouble and warranted protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).</p> <p>An unprecedented numbers of stakeholders across the West worked for many years on ensuring that sage-grouse management is based on science and good</p>

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		<p>for our local economies. The plans that were agreed to in 2015 led the FWS to reverse its 2010 decision and find the future for sage-grouse was secure: a historic victory for conservation and for collaboration.</p> <p>Instead of amending the plans by weakening protections, pointedly prioritizing oil and gas development over protected species, BLM should focus on engaging communities in the decisions necessary to implement the plans as they are. Give the plans a chance to work. The recently issues Instruction Memoranda generally retreat from the protections set out in previous guidance to field staff in 2016. The first IM, issued in December 2017, reverses existing policy, directing BLM field offices to prioritize oil and natural gas leasing and drilling projects outside of the most sensitive sage grouse habitat. Instead, it states that BLM “does not need to lease and develop outside of [grouse] habitat management areas before considering any leasing and development within [grouse] habitat.” The second IM, issued in January 2018, eliminates requirements for public notice and comment “when conditions worsen and there is a need for action” under adaptive management provisions in the grouse plans. It also shortens the public protest period for oil and gas lease sale parcels to 10 days from 30 days</p> <p>If there are any changes that experts deem necessary, these should instead be done via minor plan amendments, also known as “maintenance actions.” A complete rewrite is an unnecessary waste of federal resources, and risks upending the official finding made by the FWS that a listing under the ESA is not needed.</p> <p>These federal management plans must keep key elements that biologists believe are necessary to avoid the need for listing the species under the ESA. Specifically:</p> <p>Development on existing leases should be managed per regulations that are currently in place, which limit surface occupancy and disturbance. Years of research leave no doubt that sage-grouse do not do well in close proximity to energy development. More development in the most important habitat will not help conserve the species.</p> <p>Good mitigation policy and practice is one of the best opportunities to achieve sustainable development and conservation goals. Where impacts cannot be avoided or minimized, well-designed compensatory mitigation programs can achieve the multiple-use, sustained yield objectives.</p> <p>Do not strip the fundamental mitigation goal of “net conservation gain” from the plans. A no net loss of habitat merely prevents additional habitat loss and is not adequate to achieve long-term conservation of sage-grouse.</p> <p>Improve plan monitoring and oversight, including providing training to field staff and the necessary incentives to ensure proper implementation. The plans should contain metrics by which conservation success can be measured. Conservation metrics will help in effective management of the habitat and reduce wasting personnel time and limited funds.</p> <p>The plans contain many new provisions that serve as loopholes and exceptions to habitat protections. We need certainty that crucial habitat will be protected to ensure the species thrives into the future. If the revisions are adopted, thousands of wells could move into the species core habitats, potentially leading to a listing of the species as endangered</p> <p>Thank you for considering my comments.</p>
OR-GRSG-I-216682	Undefined	TEST
OR-GRSG-I-216885	Undefined	<p>I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.</p>
OR-GRSG-I-217334	2018 Sage-grouse DEIS WLD Comments	<p>Dear BLM,</p> <p>Here are WLD commewnts on the sage-goruse DEIS, We carry forward al lconcerns submitted during scoping in this current process.</p> <p>Let us know you have received these comments.</p> <p>Katie Fite Public Lands Director WildLands Defense</p>

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OR-GRSG-I-217337	Oregon Farm Bureau and Oregon Cattlemen's Association Comments on RMPA	Attached please find Oregon Cattlemen's Association and Oregon Farm Bureau's comments on the Oregon RMPA.
OR-GRSG-I-217483	Undefined	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM 's capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
OR-GRSG-I-217485	2015 Sage Grouse Plan	Dear Decision Maker I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM 's capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged. Thank you for considering my comments.
OR-GRSG-I-217487	Opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing is a bad idea	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM 's capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
OR-GRSG-I-217488	Protect the sage-grouse	Dear BLM, I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM 's capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
OR-GRSG-I-217489	Sage-grouse	The Sage-grouse deserves the time and habitat to stabilize its population. Tis requires that the animal and all remaining habitats, be they currently occupied by the species or not, be protected. Animal populations cannot recover and grow if there is no where for them to live. Please protect the remaining populations of Sage-grouse and all remaining habitat spaces.
OR-GRSG-I-217490	Research Natural Areas are not for grazing and resource extraction	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important for collecting robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not diminish BLM 's capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land still available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
OR-GRSG-I-217491	Undefined	Quit disregarding hard earned community consensus in favor of the extraction industries and radical outliers! I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM 's capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.

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OR-GRSG-I-217498	Protect sage-grouse habitat	<p>I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my opinion.</p> <p>Alan St. John Bend, Oregon</p>
OR-GRSG-I-217499	Undefined	<p>I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.</p>
OR-GRSG-I-217500	Opposition to opening Research Natural Areas	<p>I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.</p> <p>It is critical to our (Oregon’s) sagebrush habitat that this area is preserved and studied! The science is clear. This is not the time to listen to those who ignore the science.</p>

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OR-GRSG-I-217501	Retain protection for Research Natural areas	Research Natural Areas should be closed to livestock grazing. This protection provides for the collection of important information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The trivial acreage in the research areas does not affect BLM capacity for livestock grazing (what with the millions of acres of public land available for grazing permits). Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the win-win 2015 sage-grouse plan intact.
OR-GRSG-I-217502	Undefined	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged. The 2015 plan was the result of input from numerous parties, and it should be implemented and left alone to see how it works. The BLM is responsible to all Americans, not just to industry.
OR-GRSG-I-217503	Undefined	To BLM: I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged. Please fight back against Trump’s dismantling of animal protections. Our country needs strong patriots who will fight back against the handouts to big business. We need you Pleasee help us. Ellen Franklin 1867 NE Crestveiw Pl. Newport, OR 97365
OR-GRSG-I-217503	Undefined	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged. Please help save endangered species, while taking care of the lands.
OR-GRSG-I-217504	Sage Grouse	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
OR-GRSG-I-217505	Undefined	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
OR-GRSG-I-217506	Sage-Grouse deserves our support	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM “s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged. We should eat less meat and further support biodiversity health.
OR-GRSG-I-217507	Please reference pre-existing comments and work with the public for this EIS	Ignoring public comment and not addressing comments is as you know illegal. Stop doing that. Go through all the comments, address them all in your decisionmaking.

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OR-GRSG-I-217509	Please protect the sage grouse in central & eastern OR	Livestock and economic concerns have their place but when wildlife is gone it's gone. Please help preserve the natural resources and in particular the sage grouse for future generations. Soon those who are presently clamoring for economic benefit will pass and be replaced by a generation who will ask what happened and why was our heritage sold so cheaply? Just for political advantage? Just to benefit a few close friends? I care about the future of the sage grouse and all the wildlife still existing in OR. Thank you, Mary Everett
OR-GRSG-I-217510	Undefined	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM "s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
OR-GRSG-I-217511	Undefined	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM "s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
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OR-GRSG-I-217513	livestock grazing in natural resource areas	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM "s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged.
OR-GRSG-I-217514	Undefined	I oppose opening Research Natural Areas to livestock grazing as proposed in the Draft EIS for the Oregon sage-grouse management plan amendment. Maintaining areas for research purposes is important to having robust scientific information about sagebrush-steppe ecosystems. The small acreage associated with these research areas does not impact BLM "s capacity to permit livestock grazing given the millions of acres of public land that remain available to grazing permittees. Please choose the No Action Alternative and leave the 2015 sage-grouse plan unchanged. I have had the opportunity to see sage-grouse on their lek in SE Oregon and would hate to see their numbers decrease due to their not having the needed habitat. There hasn't been a problem thus far in ranchers having enough land to graze their cattle on so there is no need to open Research Natural Areas to grazing.